Tumor-Immune cells competition under the action of immunoboosting Marcello Delitala, Politecnico di Torino

How immunotherapies affects the evolutionary dynamics of cancer cells? Can we slow down cancer evolution by using immune boosters? Bearing these questions in mind, we present a mathematical model of cancerimmune competition under immunotherapies. The model consists of a system of structured equations for the dynamics of cancer cells and activated T-cells. Numerical results suggest that the selection of proper infusion schedules may play a key role in the success of anti-cancer therapies. In particular, we highlight how cancer evolution can be effectively slowed down by immunotherapeutic protocols relying on successive infusions of agents that boost the proliferation of activated Tcells and agents that enhance immune memory.